

**Huntington Beach Human Relations Task Force
Huntington Beach Central Library – B Room
February 2, 2010
Minutes**

I. Roll Call:

Present: Chancellor, Dagley, Garrick, Goldenberg, Inouye, Nees, Jackle, Rodriguez

Absent: Gee

Staff Liaison: Elaine Kuhnke

Police Liaison: Absent

II. Welcoming Remarks: Mr. Inouye welcomed guest Fred Provencher and the members of the Parent Leadership Institute thanked them for their attendance.

III. Public Comments:

Mr. Inouye asked the Parent Leadership members if they had any comments. PLI coordinator Roxanna Jimenez expressed her thanks for attending the meeting and asked PLI members for any public comments.

PLI member Ramos expressed satisfaction with the progress made by the PLI and support to prepare students for college and career. PLI member Hernandez expressed appreciation to the Task Force for their support. Ms. Jimenez explained the PLI meets weekly on Tuesdays at 6:30 p.m. at the library at HBHS and that they had recently changed their name to the Parent Latino Initiative. Task Force members Inouye and Garrick encouraged the PLI to consider getting involved with the Oak View parents association at the Family Resource Center to share ideas.

IV. Motion to Approve Minutes:

Moved: Jackle, Second: Nees, to accept January 5, 2010 minutes

Approved: 8; No: 0; Absent: 1 (Gee)

At this time, the Chair asked for a motion to move Item VI. 2 regarding HB Reads forward since the Chair of HB Reads, Fred Provencher was in attendance.

Moved: Jackle; Second: Chancellor; Approved 8; No: 0; Absent: 1 (Gee)

Item VI. 2

Mr. Fred Provencher, former member of the HBHRTF and HB Reads Committee Chair presented the Task Force with materials related to the upcoming HB Reads author's presentation dates and documentary film series. He requested Task Force member participation at the documentary film series scheduled for February 4th, 11th and 18th. Mr. Provencher encouraged the task force to attend the author's reception to be held on March 11th at the home of the Ralph and Charlene Bauer. He also asked for assistance manning the booth during the HB Farmer's Market events held each Friday at the pier.

HBHRTF member Chancellor thanked Mr. Provencher for his commitment to the HB Reads program and his service. HBHRTF member Jackle explained the author reception on March 11th is an opportunity to speak to the authors and support the HB Reads program with a \$50 donation. It was also reported that the HB Barnes and Noble will offer up to a 15% donation to HB Reads for any purchases made during the book sale beginning the week of February 7 – 13 if the consumer mentions HB Reads during check-out.

It was decided the following HBHRTF members would represent the task force on these dates: February 4th Jackle; February 11th Garrick; February 18th Rodriguez; March 11th Inouye.

V: Status Reports:

1. Report of HBHRTF Account Balances:

Kuhnke reported the following balances in HBHRTF accounts:

\$4881.46 - HB Reads

\$1973.80 - Miscellaneous

\$6855.26 – Total

Anticipated HB Reads Expenditures:

\$2500 - Stipend to HB Reads book authors

\$300 - Hilton Hotel Lodging

\$800 - Library space rental

\$3600 – Anticipated Estimate

2. Report of January Hate Crimes

No report given due to absence of Sgt. Smith. Inouye advised the public audience of the opportunity to report any hate incidents or crimes to the HBPD. Task Force member Chancellor advised the HRTF new members of the reporting system documented by the HBPD.

3. Report of Orange County Human Relations News/Activities

Chair Inouye requested that Orange County Human Relations representative Don Han who was also in the audience provide an update on activities and upcoming events. Don Han reported on the deadline of February 16 for submission of names for the annual award dinner. He also advised the Task Force of the Walk in My Shoes program to be held at Cal State Fullerton for middle school students, as well as a county-wide speech contest to take a stand against oppression.

VI. Updates, Planning and Possible Motions pertaining to the following events/programs:

1. Report of HRTF Student Representative Programs:

Task Force Member Chancellor distributed an Education Committee Report and discussed the Education Committee Goals and Objectives for 2010 and School Year 2010-2011. Task Force Member Chancellor reviewed the programs currently being supported and gave a brief description of each program. He reported an interest by the principal of Ocean View High School was interested in developing a PLI program. He also reported that another District Day of Dialogue is being planned for the Spring. Guest Kim McLaughlin (teacher and coordinator of Bridges program at HBHS) also indicated that the school has been planning another Campus Pride Day scheduled for March 13 which will include a variety of human relations topics.

Chancellor circulated a notebook compiled by students from Valley Vista High School who had the opportunity to attend the Museum of Tolerance to show the impact it had on these children and the benefit of funding the \$500 grants to allow school children to tour the Museum.

2. Report of HB Reads: Item moved forward (see motion following Public Comments)

VII. New Business and Possible Motions pertaining to:

1. Report of Inouye's meeting with Mayor Green regarding Federal Diversity Month.

Inouye distributed the agenda of the meeting with the Mayor to the Task Force. Mayor Green expressed her continued support of monthly Federal Cultural Heritage Months. Inouye requested assistance in the preparation of information to be provided at the City Council meetings.

Inouye also reported that he spoke with Mayor Green about his interest in including members of the PLI as advisors to some of the city's boards and commissions. He indicated that he would be visiting the different boards and commissions in the future to determine the feasibility of their involvement.

Inouye also reported on his attendance at the HB Coordinating Council President's Day meeting. Both he and Jackle invited the PLI members to attend the HB Coordinating Council meetings held on the 1st Monday of the month at Murdy Park where on March 1st the Council will be celebrating Latin Family Heritage

2. Appoint nominating committee for the position of Secretary for election at March 2010 meeting.

Chair Inouye appointed acting Secretary Dagley to head up the nominating committee along with two additional members. Both Jackle and Goldenberg volunteered to assist.

VIII. Task Force Member Comments

HBHRTF member Jackle requested Task Force member representation at the HB Reads Committee meetings. Task Force member Rodriguez expressed a desire to attend future meetings and Task Member Garrick offered support in the event Rodriguez has a work commitment. A motion to add Rodriguez to the committee will be added to the agenda for the March meeting.

Task Force member Garrick addressed the Task Force and the PLI audience and spoke of disaster preparedness and the need for Hispanic community involvement. Mr. Garrick also addressed the Task Force regarding the HBHRTF and the Interfaith Council's commonalities and the need to coordinate with items that overlap.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:00 pm.